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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted," dated December 31, 2001, enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is returned herewith.

Also enclosed is a check in payment of the surcharge.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

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